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DANIEL G. KNAUSS APPOINTED BY FEDERAL COURT TO CONTINUE AS U.S. ATTORNEY

Judges Vote Unanimously to Appoint Knauss Effective October 12, 2007

TUCSON, Ariz. - U.S. Attorney Daniel G. Knauss, who has been serving as interim U.S. Attorney, was appointed late yesterday to continue to serve as U.S. Attorney effective October 12, 2007, by order of Chief U.S. District Judge John M. Roll. Knauss was originally selected by the U.S. Department of Justice to serve as the interim U.S. Attorney on January 31, 2007, following the resignation of U.S. Attorney Paul K. Charlton. The interim appointment was set to expire on October 12, 2007. The order by Chief Judge Roll, on behalf of the U.S. District Court judges, means the U.S. Attorney's Office will continue to have leadership from a veteran prosecutor.

Prior to his appointment as interim U.S. Attorney, Mr. Knauss served as Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney overseeing the Tucson Office within the U.S. Attorney's Office. Mr. Knauss has served as a federal prosecutor in the United States Attorney's Office since 1972. Over the years, he has held a variety of senior leadership positions, including: Chief of the Criminal Section (1974 – 1981), First Assistant United States Attorney (1980 – 1985), Chief Assistant United States Attorney (1985 – 1992); Interim United States Attorney (May – July 1993); First Assistant United States Attorney (1992 - 1997), and Chief Assistant United States Attorney (2005 – present). In these roles, Mr. Knauss has overseen daily operations and supervised the criminal and civil litigation handled by the District of Arizona. Mr. Knauss received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Arizona.

Prior to making the appointment on October 3, 2007 on behalf of the District Court Judges, Chief Judge Roll consulted the U.S. Department of Justice and the Executive Office of United States Attorneys. View the order with the following link:

[http://www.azd.uscourts.gov/azd/courtinfo.nsf/94f84d258ee1614707256eba006022ac/7a97895ea58ee36c0725736a0064e085/\\$FILE/07-15.pdf](http://www.azd.uscourts.gov/azd/courtinfo.nsf/94f84d258ee1614707256eba006022ac/7a97895ea58ee36c0725736a0064e085/$FILE/07-15.pdf)

Under the legislation passed by Congress and signed by President Bush, interim U.S. Attorneys can serve for 120 days following their appointment, then the U.S. District Court Judges act through the Chief Judge to appoint a U.S. Attorney. The 120 day period began on June 14, 2007, when President Bush signed the "Preserving United States Attorney Independence Act of 2007," meaning Mr. Knauss' term was set to expire October 12, 2007. Yesterday's order means there will be a seamless transition when the Department of Justice appointment expires.

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